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SUBJECT: CODEL MCGOVERN

REF: STATE 183011 AND PREVIOUS

1. I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI AUGUST 2 AND PRESENTED
CODEL'S DESIRES (STATE 178675).

2. RESPONDING, SPASOWSKI SAID THAT GIEREK WOULD PROBABLY
STILL BE OUT OF TOWN ON VACATION DURING THE SENATOR'S VISIT,
BUT HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH
ONE OF THE OTHER RANKING CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIES. (FRELEK,
WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE
SEJM, IS A POSSIBILITY.) IN THIS MEETING, THE SENATOR'S
PRIORITY INTERESTS (EAST-WEST RELATIONS, POLISH ATTITUDES
TOWARDS THE U.S., DETENTE, TRADE, AND ARMS NEGOTIATIONS) COULD
BE DISCUSSED.

3. IN VIEW OF THE RECENT PRESENTATIONS TO US BY RANKING
POLISH OFFICIALS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF RESUMPTION OF PL-480,
TITLE I, GRAIN SALES (WARSAW 5238),
I NOTED THAT SENATOR MCGOVERN IS NOT ONLY A MEMBER OF THE
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FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, BUT ALSO OF THE AGRICULTURE
AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE. SPASOWSKI SAID HE WAS WELL AWARE
OF THIS. HE THEN SAID THAT, "THINKING ALOUD," HE WON-
DERED WHETHER IT WAS AT ALL WISE TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION
OF PL-480 SALES WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, SINCE AMBASSA-
DOR TRAMPCZYNSKI HAS TOLD HIM THAT TITLE I SALES COULD
BE MADE ONLY TO LDC'S. HE SAID IT WOULD BE BAD IF, IN

RESPONSE TO A FORMAL POLISH REQUEST FOR SUCH SALES, A FLAT TURNDOWN WERE RECEIVED. I SAID I AGREED WITH HIM, BUT I DID NOT SEE WHY THE POSSIBILITY COULD NOT BE EXPLORED, WITHOUT NECESSARILY TAKING THE FINAL STEP OF MAKING A FORMAL REQUEST. SPASOWSKI SEEMED SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF PURSUING THE QUESTION AT ALL, BUT OBVIOUSLY DUO NOT HAVE AUTHORIZATION TO TELL US TO FORGET IT.

4. SPASOWSKI SAID THE MFA WOULD TRY TO WORK OUT A DRAFT PROGRAM, TO INCLUDE A RANKING POLISH POLITICAL LEADER, PERHAPS A HIGH OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, A HIGH OFFICIAL FROM THE AGRICULTURE MINISTRY AND/OR PROFESSOR SZCZEPAN PIENIAZEK, AND A CULTURAL EVENT, IF POSSIBLE, AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US SHORTLY.

5. IF THE SENATOR NOW WANTS TO SPEND ONE OF HIS TWO DAYS HERE VISITING KRAKOW (STATE 183011), WE RUN A SERIOUS DANGER OF VIOLATING HIS DESIRE NOT BE OVERPROGRAMMED.

IN ADDITION TO ALL THE OTHER PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD ARISE OUT OF THE ATTEMPT TO PLAN SUCH A VISIT, THE WEATHER IN POLAND THIS SUMMER HAS BEEN EVER MORE CHANCY THAN USUAL. KRAKOW AIRPORT IS NOTORIOUS FOR ITS VULNERABILITY TO WEATHER AND FOR CONSEQUENT LONG DELAYS IN FLIGHT ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

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6. WE WILL, OF COURSE, INFORM THE MFA OF THIS DESIRE IF THAT IS THE SENATOR'S CONSIDERED DECISION. I RECOMMEND AGAINST IT, UNLESS THE SENATOR CAN ADD A FULL TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO HIS VISIT TO POLAND. WE WILL AWAIT A FURTHER INSTRUCTION BEFORE APPROACHING THE MFA ON THE KRAKOW VISIT.

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